

U. S. PEACE MEN SEEKING ACTION

Senator Reed's Interpretation of League of Nations Discounted Abroad.

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Paris, Dec. 31.—United States Senator Reed's interpretation of a league of nations as set forth in his speech in New York two days ago was discussed at American official circles here today.

The idea advanced, is that the American view of a league of nations, which means the President's view, does not contemplate an association of the powers of the nations that might abrogate the powers of Congress.

The President's view of the league and his plans concerning it do not mean that Congress will not have a say to deal with the question of war or peace. His wish is understood to be that no false impression should be foisted on the American people so they might think the army and navy would be under control or suggestion of foreign governments.

Brought Face to Face.
As much as these ideas, made known to correspondents today, constitute the first unofficial utterances from official quarters with regard to the league of nations, they were deemed extremely interesting.

The New Year finds the American delegates and the President brought sharply face to face with the necessity of action. They feel that time has been said and that the time has come for action.

One result of this is the President's determination to go immediately to Italy. He leaves for Rome at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening. The shortening of his rest period here, after the strenuous trip to England, signifies Mr. Wilson's anxiety to "start things going."

How Land Lies.
The events of the last few days, principally those in the Chamber of Deputies, indicate quite clearly how the land lies. Opinion here is that the President, in his Manchester address, in which he decided the old system of the balance of power, formed his answer to Premier Clemenceau in the chamber, in which the French prime minister suggested the retention of the idea.

President Wilson's reticence as to details of his plans is attributed to the fact that his visit to Europe has robbed the best opinion in England, France and Italy, and in the United States as well, on this subject.

All that is being said now is deemed active, whereas if the President had details far in advance of a conference the contrary would have been the case.

DOES DEMAND VOTE ONE DRY QUESTION

Returned Soldiers in Ohio Oppose Ref Legislation Made in Absence.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 31.—State attack on the enforcement of the prohibition amendment to the State constitution has been initiated here today by the Soldiers and Sailors League, an organization of some Ohio men who have worn the uniform at home and abroad.

Petitions ask an injunction from the Supreme Court to forbid enforcement of prohibition in Ohio until soldiers and sailors absent November last have a chance to vote on it.

WILHELM THREATENED? LEAGUE WILL GUARD!

League Organization to Protect Life and Freedom of Former Kaiser.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—A league for safeguarding the life and freedom of the former Kaiser is being formed today, according to the Tages Zeitung, which recently advocated establishment of a democratic monarchy.

A general appeal has been issued to the people, urging them to join the league. All former diplomats and crown counselors have been asked to place themselves unreservedly at Wilhelm's disposal. The argument is advanced that the league would lend moral support to Wilhelm in protesting extradition of the former Kaiser.

Prince Henry, in declining to head the league, suggested Field Marshal von Hindenburg as its leader.

Prince Henry was quoted today as declaring that he will personally testify that his brother, the former Kaiser, was zealously endeavored until the last moment, to avert the war.

China Favors League and Abolition of Subs

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—China is for a league of nations and for abolition of submarine warfare, according to the Chinese peace mission, arriving today on the Pacific coast.

Members said they believed the States would help the Far East peace deal.

Party included: Maj. T. L. Rear Admiral Tessenau, Gen. S. T. Liang, Capt. Ken Lin Hu, editor of a Chinese daily, and T. Y. Wang. The last is a graduate of West Point.

FIFTY GREAT EVENTS OF 1918, VICTORY YEAR

- (1) Jan. 5—President Wilson names fourteen points necessary to peace, in speech before Congress.
- (2) Feb. 5—British transport Tuscania torpedoed and sunk off Irish coast by German submarine; 170 American soldiers lost.
- (3) Mar. 2—Russian Bolsheviks sign Brest-Litovsk treaty, giving up one-quarter of European Russia to Germany.
- (4) Mar. 4—Rumania surrenders to Germany.
- (5) Mar. 21—Germans start "spring offensive" on West Front, aiming to capture Paris and Channel ports.
- (6) Mar. 23—"Mystery guns" of Germans begins shelling Paris from distance of seventy-four miles.
- (7) April 12—Marshal Haig, to British troops in Flanders: "We are fighting with our backs to the wall."
- (8) April 20—Americans defeat Germans at Seicheprey.
- (9) May 4—Third American Liberty Loan oversubscribed.
- (10) May 5—Austrians start "drive" on Italy.
- (11) May 15—Air mail service starts between New York and Washington.
- (12) May 29—Americans capture CANTIGNY.
- (13) June 3—Five German submarines attack shipping on U. S. Atlantic Coast.
- (14) June 11—American Marines defeat Germans at BELLEAU WOOD.
- (15) June 12—Air mail starts between London and Paris.
- (16) June 17—Italians, British and French defeat Austrians on Piave River in first of a series of battles.
- (17) June 26—"Flu" attacks German army in France.
- (18) July 1—Canadian hospital ship Llandovery Castle sunk off Irish Coast by German submarine; 234 lives lost.
- (19) July 4—American yards launch ninety-one ships.
- (20) July 6—Austrians defeated in Albania.
- (21) July 12—King and Queen of Belgium travel by airplane, London to France.
- (22) July 18—Foch launches entente ally and American offensive against Germans in France.
- (23) July 20—Germans retreat across Marne River.
- (24) July 21—Americans and French capture CHATEAU THIERRY.
- (25) July 26—Revolt in Prague, Bohemia.
- (26) July 29—Interallied food council formed in London.
- (27) Aug. 8—British attack Germans in Picardy.
- (28) Aug. 9—Riots in Japan due to high cost of rice.
- (29) Sept. 1—"Wheatless days" end in United States.
- (30) Sept. 12—Americans defeat Germans at St. Mihiel.
- (31) Sept. 12—Thirteen millions, 18 to 20 and 32 to 46, register in United States for military duty.
- (32) Sept. 30—Bulgaria surrenders to allies.
- (33) Oct. 18—Prague Czechoslovaks declare independence.
- (34) Oct. 20—Fourth American Liberty Loan oversubscribed.
- (35) Oct. 27—Germany appeals to Wilson for peace.
- (36) Oct. 28—Austria asks separate peace.
- (37) Oct. 31—Turkey unconditionally surrenders to allies.
- (38) Nov. 3—Austria accepts armistice amounting to unconditional surrender.
- (39) Nov. 4—Republican party regains control of Congress.
- (40) Nov. 9—William Hohenzollern abdicates German throne. Flees to Holland.
- (41) Nov. 9—Ebert Socialist government formed in Germany.
- (42) Nov. 11—Officially announced in Washington that Germany accepts armistice amounting to complete surrender.
- (43) Nov. 12—Karl Hapsburg abdicates Austrian throne.
- (44) Nov. 21—German high seas fleet surrenders to British Admiral Beatty. Taken to Firth of Forth for internment.
- (45) Nov. 22—Belgian King and Queen re-enter Brussels.
- (46) Dec. 4—President Wilson and American peace delegates sail from New York for France; to attend peace conference to be held in Versailles in January.
- (47) Dec. 7—"Britain Day" celebrated, for first time, in United States.
- (48) Dec. 13—President Wilson and party land at Brest, France; given unprecedented welcome and proceed to Paris.
- (49) Dec. 25—President Wilson eats Christmas dinner with American troops in Germany.
- (50) Dec. 28—President Wilson is the guest of King George of England at a banquet in Buckingham Palace, London.

OUT OF ARMY, BRITISH FAVOR ALSO HIS HOME LABOR COURT

Prince Karl Finds Yankee Cabinet Planning to Ask Soldiers Occupying Castle. Peace Delegates for Commission.

By WEBB MILLER.
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American Headquarters in Germany.
Dec. 31.—(By courier to Nancy)—Prince Karl of Hohenzollern, a distant relative of the Kaiser, lost his job as a lieutenant general in the German army, so he came home to rest up in the quiet and solitude of his family castle at Andernach.

But he found neither quiet nor solitude—the castle had been taken over by the Americans and was being used as the Hotel De Doughty.

The prince, however, accepted the situation in a philosophic mood. He even consented to be interviewed by an American newspaperman.

Disapproves Bombing.
The utmost disapproval of the bombing of open cities and of unrestricted submarine warfare was expressed by Prince Karl. Germany, he said, ought never to have started submarine warfare—unless she was sure it was going to be a success. He pretended to know nothing of America's sentiments regarding the Lusitania.

The prince deplored the fact that German propaganda was not content on a larger scale. He particularly regretted that it was so clumsy in its work in the United States.

He said that German diplomatic officials organized national psychology—sort of intimidation that the allies doubted crossed them by not realizing they were whipped.

In conclusion, Prince Karl paid a high tribute to the American soldiers. They weren't very strong on military fol de deols, he said, but how they could fight.

Conference Arranged to Settle Big Strike

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The first step toward a settlement of the strike of 20,000 workers at the Schenectady plant of the General Electric Company, was taken today when Mayor Charles Simon arranged for a conference between the strikers and General Manager G. E. Emmott of the General Electric Company to be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The men have been out since December 19. They struck in sympathy with workers at the Erie plant of the General Electric Company.

Business that Does Not Affect Head. FIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets, can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or drowsiness. There is only one "Bromo Quinine" E. W. GROVES' signature on the box. Be sure.

CASUALTY LIST APPROACHES END

Name of Only One Washingtonian Announced by Department Today.

Only one Washington name appeared on this morning's casualty list, and that the total for Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia is only three, all of them reported as severely wounded in action.

The War Department is starting the new year well by reporting no deaths today.

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WILL RESUME PROBE OF "AMERICAN" HUNS

Committee Investigating German Propaganda to Reconvene.

Senator Overman, chairman of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee, investigating the purchase of the Washington Times and German propaganda in the country, has called the subcommittee to reconvene on Friday, January 3.

Alfred Becker, Deputy Attorney General of New York, whose term of office expired last night, will be the first witness to appear before the subcommittee. Mr. Becker was on the stand when the subcommittee adjourned before the Christmas holidays.

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ERN SITUATION HOLDS DANGER

Secretary Shortt Says Dublin Convention Will Make History.

By EDWIN HULLINGER.
United Press Staff Correspondent.

London, Dec. 31.—The coming six months will decide whether the Irish question will be settled peacefully or bloodily. Edward Shortt, chief secretary for Ireland, told the United Press today.

The Dublin convention, next month, at which an attempt to form an Irish republic may be made, is expected to be the deciding issue.

"The Sinn Feiners have an opportunity to show their capability," Shortt declared. "Sane, cool action is now of the most vital importance for Ireland. We will not permit any advocates of extreme physical force to gain control of the situation."

"I do not consider that the large Sinn Fein vote in the recent parliamentary elections shows a demand for separation from England. I believe that from 80 to 70 per cent of the Sinn Feiners can be persuaded to accept home rule."

Convention Important Event.
From other authoritative sources the United Press learned that the Dublin convention undoubtedly will constitute the most important event in modern Irish history. It will be attended by the delegates, called together from all parts of Ireland by the Sinn Feiners. It will consist of Sinn Feiner members of parliament and several national members, and the remainder will be Sinn Feiners specially elected for the occasion.

It is understood that Great Britain will refuse to recognize the peace delegation which will be elected by the convention. As a result, the subcommittee of the convention will be highly important.

No Chance for Revolution.
Government officials declare that any revolutionary movement would not have the slightest chance of success.

Well-informed Irish officials said the British government is considering a loan of £100,000 (£100,000) for the development of Irish industry. Army motor trucks will be provided for road transportation and naval motorships will be turned over to the Irish fisheries.

Extensive road building will be undertaken. School teachers' salaries will be increased. Special provision will be made for development of the peat and flax industries.

Sir Marion Plunkett, it is understood, is forming a new home rule party to replace nearly extinct nationalities.

Large International Army.
"To my mind, therefore, safety lies in limiting the armament, providing an international arsenal from which the nations can be rationed as we have recently and successfully rationed food for individuals. The guns then will fall into the right place, and aggressive warfare would cease and moral force would begin to assume its ultimate place among the nations."

"I hope that in the coming year all sorts of things will be done, and I believe, depends the future of the world."

U. S. Learns Hun Secrets of Submarine Building

The navy has obtained comprehensive data as to German submarine construction through its agencies abroad. This will be available for incorporation into American submarines should building of that type of weapon continue.

It is regarded likely however that the Peace Conference will undertake to prescribe rules for U-boat warfare largely curtailing their use. It is felt among a large group of navy men that they should be confined to operations against battleships.

Board Starts Releases of Requisitioned Ships

Release of requisitioned ships by the United States Shipping Board has been started. It was announced yesterday. All vessels of a capacity up to 1,000 deadweight tons will be turned back to their owners. The actual release will take place at its next arrival in United States port.

Operation of the boats, so far as control of rates and trade routes are affected, still will remain with the Shipping Board for the present.

Calls Father to Dinner; Finds Him Dead; Suicide

John Allen Joy, 73 years old, was found dead in his bedroom at 1436 First street southwest, with an open gas tube in his mouth, yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. John A. Joy, his daughter, noticed his absence during the morning and supposed him to be sleeping in his room. When she went up to look for him for dinner he was found dead in a chair.

Persons suspected of having more than 500 rubles—about \$100—are being held, and many are murdered with great frequency, according to Morris. The money is supposed to go to the state, he said, but it is really concentrated in the hands of those who bank it outside of Russia and where they have no money, have mysteriously to live in luxury abroad.

\$4,000,000 Check Tobacco King's Gift to Bride

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 31.—A check for \$4,000,000 was handed to his 23-year-old bride today by Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, president of the American Tobacco Company. The bride was Miss Helen Elizabeth Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Oliver, of New York. The wedding took place here this afternoon.

Cunliffe-Owen, a leading tobacco manufacturer of England, is 48. This is the second wedding for both.

1918 Business Record a Four-time Winner

A glance through the bankruptcy dockets of the District Supreme Court reveals the fact that the year 1918 was nearly four times as prosperous as was the year 1917.

Only twelve petitions in bankruptcy were filed during the year just passed. Of these three were involuntary and the rest voluntary.

During 1917 forty-two petitions were filed. Of these fifteen were involuntary and twenty-seven voluntary.

Since the war started in 1914 there has been a steady decrease in the number of bankruptcy petitions. And too, the amounts involved seem to grow less as the years roll on.

Looking back through the dockets it will be easily seen that Washington is becoming more and more prosperous.

U. S. SOLDIERS HAPPY IN NEW REST AREAS

Those in France Well Clothed, Fed and Entertained.

Twenty-one rest areas have been established in France by Gen. Pershing for the American soldiers who are not with the army of occupation.

It was said yesterday that no army ever mobilized was being treated or happier than that which is being well fed, well entertained, and otherwise made comfortable. There is in every area approximately a division, each of which is, however, anxiously awaiting the time when it will be announced that they have been called home. The War Department expects to accelerate the delivery of troops. Announcements were made yesterday of the sailing of the following transports: destinations and approximate dates of arrival at American ports: Santa Maria, sailed December 27, arrived New York, January 3; Madagaskar, sailed December 28, arrived New York, January 5; Louisville, sailed December 28, arrived New York, January 6; Finland, sailed December 28, arrived New York, January 10; Eastern Queen, sailed December 28, arrived Baltimore, January 11; Agamemnon, sailed December 28, arrived New York, January 5.

U. S. LAW HALTS AID TO RUSSIA

Refusal of Allies to Intervene in Accord with the Monroe Doctrine.